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# At the Court at Hampton Court,

The Thirteenth of June 1683.

Present,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty,

*Lord Archbishop of Canterbury*  
*Lord Keeper*  
*Lord President*  
*Lord Privy Seal*  
*Duke of Ormond*  
*Duke of Albemarle*  
*Earl of Huntingdon*  
*Earl of Sunderland*  
*Earl of Clarendon*

*Earl of Bathe*  
*Earl of Craven*  
*Earl of Rochester*  
*Lord Bishop of London*  
*Lord Dartmouth*  
*Mr. Secretary Jenkins*  
*Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer*  
*Mr. Chancellor of the Dutchy*  
*Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.*

*Master Godolphin.*



Hereas the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations, did this day Report to the Board, That in obedience to an Order of the Eleventh of April last, They have examined the Petition of the Merchants Adventurers of England, setting forth, That divers Aliens and other Foreigners have Traded, and continued to Trade, contrary to the Charter granted by His Majesty, and His Royal Predecessors, to the said Fellowship of Merchants, whereby their Priviledges are invaded, and the great Advantages enjoyed by His Majesties Subjects at *Hamburgh*, and elsewhere, brought into danger of being lost; to the discouragement of the Trade of Woollen Manufactures, and Navigation of this Kingdom: And further, That their Lordships have likewise been attended as well by the chief Merchants of the said Company, as by some of the Persons complained of, as Interlopers; and although it was Proposed, That for the satisfaction of all Parties, and the better Management of this ancient and beneficial Trade, the said Persons might become Members of the Company, and enjoy the same Priviledges and Advantages as are granted to His Majesties Subjects by the said Charter, and the Concordats agreed on by the City of *Hamburgh*; Yet finding that the said Interlopers have not onely refused to enter into the said Company, but seem resolved to persist in their former Practices; The said Lords Committees did humbly offer it as their Opinion, That Directions be given for Prosecuting in His Majesties Name, all such as shall violate the Priviledges of the said Company: And further, That no Letters of Denization be hereafter granted to any Person by His Majesty, without a Clause whereby the same shall become void, in case such Person shall presume to Trade contrary to His Majesties Royal Charters. Which His Majesty having taken into Consideration, and approving of their Lordships Advice herein, did accordingly Order, That Sir *Robert Sawyer* Knight, His Majesties Attourney-General, do from time to time, as Application shall be made unto him by the said Company of Merchant Adventurers, effectually Prosecute in His Majesties Name, all such Persons as the said Company shall Inform him, and be able to prove that they have violated their Priviledges, by Trading contrary to their said Charters.

And it was further Ordered by His Majesty in Council, That in all Patents of Denization hereafter to be granted, there be Inserted a Clause for Vacating the same, in case it shall be made appear that the Person Endenized do Trade contrary to the Royal Charters granted to the said Fellowship, or any other Company. Whereof the Right Honourable His Majesties Principal Secretaries of State, His Attourney-General, and Solicitor-General are to take notice, and to cause this His Majesties Pleasure to be carefully observed.

JOHN NICHOLAS.